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1. IN THE PAST TWO DAYS MISSION HAS BEEN QUESTIONED BY ISRAELI AND CANADIAN MISSIONS ON STANCE WE WILL TKAE WHEN QUESTION OF PLO MEMBERSHIP IN ECWA COMES BEFORE THE 63RD ECOSOC. WHILE BOTH DELEGATIONS WERE ALREADY AWARE OF OUR STATEMENT PUT IN THE RECORD AT ECWA MEETING, THEY HAD SPECIFIC QUESTIONS ON OUR VOTING POSITION AND OUR ARGUMENTATION. CANADIAN STANCE WILL CLEARLY BE INFLUENCED BY OURS.

- 2. RELATIVE TO ARGUMENTATION, ISRAELIS TELL US THAT UN LEGAL COUNSEL HAS DISCOVERED PRECEDENTS FOR NON-STATES MEMBERSHIP IN UN ORGANS. MOST RECENT OF THESE, MISSION NOTES, IS CURRENT APPLICATION OF UN COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA IN ILO.
- 3. MISSION REQUESTS GUIDANCE ON RESPONSES TO CANADIANS AND ISRAELIS.

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